



A regular feature prepared each week by members of the Boy Scout Press Club

#### New Scoutmaster

Mr. Victor Walecka has been appointed as the new scoutmaster of Troop 37, Oak Terrace school, Highwood, according to the recent report of Mr. Raymond Roth, district scout commissioner. Mr. Walecka is an old time scouter with experience in scoutmastership at Kewaunee, Wis. He succeeds Emil Lauridson as leader of this troop. The troop has been meeting regularly all summer under the leadership of Mr. Phillips, assistant scoutmaster, and is not plunging into a heavy fall scouting program.

#### Discarded Uniforms Needed

Many scouts outgrow their uniforms. The question of their proper disposal then presents itself. Here is the answer.

There are several places where uniforms are needed by scouts not in a position to furnish them for themselves. For instance there is a large troop at the Arden Shore camp for boys. There are also several scouts at the Lake Bluff Orphanage and at the Dorcus Home in Highland Park. The scouts would very much appreciate being able to wear the scout uniform. In addition to these boys there are individual cases in some of the troops in the council where the scout finds it very difficult to pay the price for a complete outfit.

If you have some scout uniforms or equipment send it into the council headquarters and you may be sure it will be placed where it is needed the most. Or call Highland Park 2431 and someone will call at your home and pick up this material.

#### Start Weekly Service

Beginning October 2, 3 and 4 the North Shore Area council is extending a weekly service to all troops of the area. This service will be in the form of a weekly visit by one of the council assistant executives to each of the 13 communities to meet particularly the scribe, the quartermaster and the troop reporter from each troop. The scribe will be able to get blanks, tests cards, record sheets, etc., as well as necessary training in keeping his books. The quartermaster can get any supplies needed by the troop or scouts such as badges, books, pins, and equipment. In most cases the meetings will be held at scout outfitters so uniforms may be purchased at the time. The troop reporters will meet to write up the reports of the troop activities for the past week to be published in your local paper. The reporter will work to earn his Boy Scout Press club membership.

Every troop is expected to cooperate. See to it that the three representatives are present from your troop at your town service station. If you haven't any of these three officers, elect them now. Let's see your troop at your town service station. Following are the list of service stations for the area, and the times at which your group meets.

#### Wednesday

Lake Forest—3:30 to 4:15, at Garnett's department store.

Highwood—4:30 to 5:00, at Oak Terrace school.

Glencoe—3:15 to 3:45, at Public school, Northbrook—4:00 to 4:30, at Public school.

#### Thursday

Diamond Lake—3:15 to 3:45, Public school.

Mundelein—4:00 to 4:30, Community house.

Libertyville—4:45 to 5:00, Chamber of Commerce.

Glencoe—3:30 to 4:15, Garnett's department store.

Winnetka—4:30 to 5:15, Zick department store.

#### Friday

Kenilworth—3:30 to 4:00, Public school; Highland Park—3:30 to 4:15, Scout headquarters.

Wilmette—4:15 to 5:00, Taylor department store.

Deerfield—4:30 to 5:00, Kapschull's real estate office.

#### Staff Is Increased

Mr. Phillip Masslich of River Forest, Illinois will take a place on the staff of the North Shore Area council as assistant executive on October 1, according to an announcement by the executive, Myron C. Rybolt.

Mr. Masslich is a graduate of Illinois university and the National Training School for Scout Executives.



Phillip Masslich

The two first years of his college training was received at Knox college in Galesburg, Illinois. While at Knox he served as scoutmaster of a troop and prior to that was leader of a troop at the Cook County Parental Home, of which his father is executive head. Two years ago he initiated a Sunday Evening club in River Forest. This organization has grown until it has been divided into two groups, one for young people and one for adults.

Mr. Masslich recently married Miss Eleanor Anderson, a former classmate of Knox college. They will make their home in Highland Park.

Mr. Masslich will work with the troops in Highland Park, Highwood, Lake Forest, Deerfield, Half Day, Diamond Lake, Mundelein and Libertyville. Mr. Carl F. McManus, the other assistant executive will serve the troops in Wilmette, Kenilworth, Winnetka, Hubbard Woods, Glencoe, Glenview and Northbrook.

#### Don't Forget the Ball Game

Remember October 5 is the date. Take your choice scouts and leaders, see the Kansas-Illinois game at Urbana, the Beloit and Lake Forest-Chicago game at Stagg Field, or the Butler and Cornell college-Northwestern games at Dyche stadium. They all start October 5 at 1:30. Be there early and in uniform. Each troop must be under adult leadership.

Register for these games at scout headquarters Highland Park. Call H. P. 2431 or write.

#### Camp Reunion Full of Fun

A real time is promised all the Makajawan '29 campers who come to the camp reunion with their dads on October 4th. As announced it will be in the Deerfield-Shields high school, Highland Park, at 6:30. A piping hot camp dinner will be served the very odor of which will remind you of Harry's cooking away back when.

The after dinner program will be short but oh! how sweet—just full of fun and frolic; everything to bring back the happy memories of Makajawan. Remember campers, bring your dads, and show them the real spirit that prevails at your camp. Let them get a taste of the fun.

#### Camporee Coming

Be planning ahead scouts and leaders for the biggest of fall scout events—your town camporee. Every troop large, or small, should play a big part in this out-door camping exhibition and demonstration to be staged near the center of town during October in each of the 12 villages of the North Shore Area council. See the schedule on last week's scout page for the exact date for your town.

It will be a spectacular event, this model camp set-up, with the array of various camping tents; the pup tent, the wall tent, the camper's tent, the forester's tent, the baker's tent, and others, all pitched around the graceful Indian teepee, decorated with colorful designs and occupied by Indian scouts. Around about you will see groups of scouts demonstrating the many phases of camp life—cooking, pioneering, handicraft, fire building, nature study, with interesting exhibits of many kinds. It will all be very interesting. Scouts, get on your toes and do your share toward making your town camporee a big success.

#### What Is A Scoutmaster?

A sympathetic, friendly leader of boyhood, holding the respect of the boys through a limitless willingness to instruct and advise, and to be the recipient of endless questionings, a sympathetic listener to tales of accomplishment and failure, and finally of confidences and life plans which come only as a sequel to the other preliminaries. Also a firm, kindly Big Brother, urging on the development of the boy in technique, and skillfully using the scout oath and law to drive home points in character development connected with daily experience.

An educator of youth in the business of preparedness and usefulness for service to his fellow citizens. An executive in the successful administration of the troop unit, developing boy leadership through the patrol system, and giving personal time and effort to find and increase leadership ability. A source of information and guidance in vocational channels, both through personal experience and by securing inspirational contacts for the boys to touch.

To other movements and educational authorities, a cordial co-operator in all work for the elevation of moral standards for youth, and a helper in every effort to increase knowledge and wholesome experience which will create better citizens. To the local council, a loyal supporter of the program of the community in scouting, seeking ever to touch other sources of information and inspiration and to lend every personal effort to better the standard of scouting in our city. — Scout Executive H. W. Sinclair, Middletown, Ohio.

#### The Patrol and the Troop

(From the Handbook for Patrol Leaders by William Hillcourt).

When we speak of the life of a patrol, we are speaking about a very definite and significant, very real, and vital thing. But we must remember that no patrol exists for and by itself alone. It has another part to play aside from its important individual life.

The troop is the sum of its patrols and every patrol has its obligation toward its share in the large life of the troop. Your patrol could never have the truest kind of patrol spirit unless it also had in a very active way genuine troop spirit pride in the troop as a whole, eagerness to help the troop make a good showing in whatever it undertakes, devotion to troop traditions, troop ideals and especially to troop leaders.

The patrol leader has a special responsibility in this matter. He is the link between the patrol and the troop. He represents the patrol at the troop leaders' council. Through him troop plans and ideas are communicated to his own special group; and through him also, what his patrol stands for, what it is doing, what it hopes to do, its whole spirit is communicated to the troop. He is responsible for the conduct of his patrol at troop meetings and rallies in camp, on the hike—wherever they go as a group. His leadership determines to a large extent, the part the patrol plays in the Troop life, its attitude toward troop life.

The third part of the scout law says: "A scout is loyal to all to whom loyalty is due," and first in the list of these is mentioned the scout leader—the Scoutmaster. It is your job

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